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11 April on NIS Coverage Plan

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In response to the USIB request in February 1965, the NIS Committee has been submitting to USIB annually a forecast covering the proposed production schedule for the next fiscal year, and a tentative schedule for the subsequent year.

The plan now submitted for USIB approval --

- a. Establishes priorities by NIS areas for General Survey production and maintenance and identifies those areas on which routine periodic maintenance will not be attempted.
- b. Specifies for each NIS area the supplementary topical coverage required over and above coverage provided by the General Survey, taking into account the importance of the specific topic to the area, producer capabilities, identifiable user requirements, and availability of departmental or other alternative coverage.

The plan serves as a discipline for production scheduling and as a guide for more efficient NIS production staffing. The NIS Committee believes that the plan now submitted for USIB approval represents a more direct and complete fulfillment of the Committee's responsibility for recommending priorities for production than the previous annual forecasts have done, and furnishes the Board with a more useful tool with which to provide policy direction to the NIS Program.

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